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In re the Application of

Paul Alexander DE VRIES et al.

Application No.: 10/577,354

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For: METHOD OF COOLING MOLTEN METAL DURING FRACTIONAL
CRYSTALLISATION

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 37 USC 371 in the US
Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US), dated March 6, 2007, submitted herewith is a Declaration.

Submitted herewith via credit card is the amount of \$130.00 covering the Declaration
surcharge. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to the
undersigned's Deposit Account No.19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/28/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/28/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/28/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/28/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/28/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 04/28/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$330** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

- The application examination fee has not been paid. Applicant must submit \$200 to complete the examination fee for a non-small entity. Note a surcharge will be required if submitted later than commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)) and the basic national fee was not paid before July 1, 2005.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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